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Phillis Johnson-Ball, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

My concerns over **Finance Docket No. 35087**, CN's acquisition of EJ&E rail lines, planned construction and increased operations in the suburbs west and south of Chicago include the following:

o   **Construction impacts** including visual quality, construction traffic and staging areas, water quality, hazardous materials and noise.

o   **Noise** – There are sensitive receptors immediately adjacent to the right of way including hospitals, schools and residences. Of particular concern is the Peterson Elementary School near 103rd street in Naperville.

o   **Visual Impacts** – New visual elements will be introduced including additional almost three times as many trains that will be longer and heavier than the existing trains.

o   **Traffic** – In the Aurora / South Naperville / Plainfield area, if we assume an additional 25 freight trains with each taking 5 minutes to pass, this would account for more than 2 hours wait time, in a 24 hour period, at grade crossings.

o   **Safety** – The increased rail traffic will have many negative safety impacts including an increase in at-grade crossing accident probability and an increase in transport of hazardous materials and potential for derailment.

We ask that the STB condition the proposed transaction on: a) the institution of a quiet zone thorough Naperville; b) construction of sound walls to shield residents from the noise and visual impact of the added trains, and c) CN construction of a grade separation at 95th Street and/or 111th Street. I understand that the board will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the acquisition; I look forward to the opportunity to review this document.

Sincerely,

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